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**Re: Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control
MB Docket No. 03-124**

Dear Mr. Epstein and Mr. Wiltshire:

On May 2, 2003, the Commission received a consolidated application from General Motors Corporation, Hughes Electronics Corporation and The News Corporation to transfer control of various Commission licenses and authorizations held by Hughes and its wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries.¹ In order for the Commission to review the application and make the necessary public interest findings under section 310(d) of the Communications Act,² we require additional information and clarification of certain matters discussed in the application.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 308(b) of the Act,³ we request that you provide written responses and supporting documentation for the questions set forth in the attached Initial Information and Document Request and, where appropriate, amend the application to reflect such responses. We would appreciate receiving your response to each inquiry no later than August 6, 2003.

¹ The application was submitted pursuant to Sections 214 and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934. 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310.

² *Id.* § 310(d).

³ *Id.* § 308(b); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 1.65.

Your responses should be filed with Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, under reference number MB Docket No. 03-124. In addition, the Public Notice⁴ and the Protective Order⁵ require the submission of multiple copies of all *Ex Parte* and other filings submitted in this proceeding. The Media Bureau also should receive, at a minimum, two copies of all paper filings, including both documents marked “Confidential” and documents marked “For Public Inspection.”⁶ These copies are intended for, respectively, Marcia Glauber and Linda Senecal. For any electronic filings made using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”), parties also should serve the documents via e-mail to Marcia Glauber, Marcia.Glauber@fcc.gov and to Linda Senecal, Linda.Senecal@fcc.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Marcia Glauber, Media Bureau, at 202-418-7046.

Sincerely,

W. Kenneth Ferree
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Attachment

⁴ See *General Motors Corporation, Hughes Electronics Corporation, and The News Corporation Limited Seek Approval To Transfer Control of FCC Authorizations and Licenses Held by Hughes Electronics Corporation to The News Corporation Limited*, MB Docket 03-124, Public Notice DA 03-1725 (rel. May 16, 2003) (“Public Notice”).

⁵ See *News Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Order Adopting Protective Order*, MB Docket No 03-124, DA 03-1761 (rel. May 22, 2003) (“Protective Order”).

⁶ See Public Notice, pp. 4-5; Protective Order ¶ 3.